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Members Continue Collaborating

Dr. Charles Mosher hosts "Message" training

Charles Mosher, MD, the Health Officer and Air Pollution Control Officer for Mariposa County, hosted a one-



day messaging and Joint Information Center (JIC) training April 2, 2009.

Assisted by Kelly Huston and Mike Sicilia (California Emer-

gency Management Agency) and Kelly Shearer (Sacramento County Public Health), the crisis and risk communication workshop focused on choosing the right spokesperson, JIC structure, and new media tools.

Training concluded with a media table top exercise and hot wash.

Multiple Mariposa County staff attended, including the fire chief, the sheriff and deputies, and representatives from the Health Department and the Board of Supervisors.

In reviewing the day, Dr. Mosher said the training "touched on some higher tech options as well as the low tech options that work best in rural areas."

Dr. Mosher attributes CARPA and the relationships built at the 2008 conference for his ability to offer such training in Mariposa County.



Did you know?

FEMA offers free online training for the National Incident Management System.

Log onto <http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>

Be sure to read your e-copy of the

2008 CARPA Summit Proceedings

on the CARPA webpage

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CARPA Receives Award for Government Innovation

The Sacramento Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration selected CARPA Co-chairs John Kennedy (US EPA) and Jeff Cook (ARB) as 2009's Government Innovation Award winners for their work on air quality in emergencies. Jeff and John received their award at the

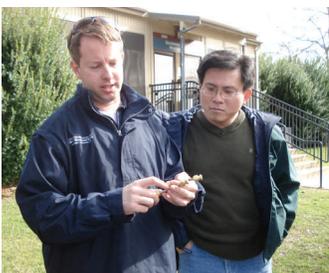
annual ASPA dinner May 7, 2009. For more, see the [US EPA Region 9 press release](http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/E37F91068CE26437852575B000667F84), at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/E37F91068CE26437852575B000667F84>

Pictured (l-r) are Adam Sutkus (CCP), John Kennedy (US EPA), and Jeff Cook (ARB)



ARB Emergency Response Team trains with Placer County AQMD

On February 10, 2009, the ARB Emergency Response Team sponsored a functional exercise of its mobile lab. The mobile



lab is ARB's most sophisticated analytical tool for air quality emergencies.

The Placer County Air Pollution Control District hosted the day-long exercise in Auburn, CA.

Staff focused on sampling protocols, sample collection, and operation of the GC/MS. The exercise also provided an opportunity to familiarize US EPA and local fire and environmental health department staff with this deployable resource.

The exercise simulated a hazmat release. Staff col-

lected air samples on sorbent tubes for GC/MS analysis on-site. Data were uploaded by satellite to the Internet, where they were available for health-protection decision making.

ARB plans additional functional exercises such as this in the future.



"Once the team arrived on site, a sampling strategy was developed and a meteorological sensor was deployed."

- Charles Pearson, ARB Emergency Response Team

Formation of Subcommittees

To follow-up to the success of the 2008 CARPA Conference, the Steering Committee has established three standing subcommittees to reflect the themes of **Data**, **Data to Message**, and **Message to Audience**.

The goal of the subcommittees is to focus in more depth on the issues and gaps identified during the 2008 conference, as well as ways to improve

interagency coordination for major air releases.

Participation is open to all interested parties working in the air response community at the discretion of the subcommittee leads.

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Planning for the 2010 CARPA Conference is underway. Please begin thinking about topics, speakers, and training you would like to see at the next summit!



In next issue:

US EPA Region 9 forms Air Team

CDPH expands air analysis lab capacity

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